

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A disposable wearing article comprising opposite right and left sides configured for fitting to legs of a wearer, right and left leg elastics secured in proximity to the right and left sides of the disposable wearing article, an absorbent body disposed inwardly from the right and left leg elastics, the absorbent body having opposite front and rear ends and opposite ~~first~~ right and ~~second~~ left sides extending between the ends, and a pair of right and left primary elastic members bonded in their stretched state to at least one cover sheet that is attached to a back portion of said absorbent body, wherein each of said primary elastic members has an approximately having a linear portion in an approximately laterally central zone of said back portion inwardly of the opposite first and second sides of the absorbent body and extending linearly in a front-to-rear direction for a distance of about 100-350 mm and keeping such a constant distance from the other primary elastic member as to allow in a range of about 5-50 mm such that a central zone of a skin-side surface of said absorbent body between said linear portions of said right and left primary elastic members ~~to be formed as~~ defines a linear raised portion by an action of a contractile force in said approximately linear portions and independent of any forces exerted by a wearer, and each of said primary elastic members further has at least one divergent portion extending from the approximately linear portion towards at least one of the front and rear ends of the absorbent body and outwardly to define at least one divergent pattern ~~and to allow~~ a divergent zone of said skin-side surface of said absorbent body in said divergent pattern ~~to be formed as~~ defining a divergent raised portion by an action of a contractile force in said divergent portions of

said primary elastic members, said divergent raised portion being contiguous to said linear raised portion.

Claims 2-7 (canceled).

8. (currently amended) A disposable wearing article comprising a cover sheet having opposite front and rear ends and opposite first and second sides extending between the ends, an absorbent body having opposite front and rear ends and opposite first and second sides extending between the ends of the absorbent body and attached on a skin-side surface of said cover sheet, ~~and a pair of~~ right and left primary elastic members bonded in their stretched state to said cover sheet and the absorbent body being free of elastic members between the primary elastic members, ~~wherein~~ each of said primary elastic members ~~has an approximately~~ having a linear portion in an approximately laterally central zone of said cover sheet inwardly of the opposite first and second sides of the absorbent body and extending linearly in a front-to-rear direction for a distance in a range of 100-350 mm and keeping ~~such~~ a constant distance from the other primary elastic member ~~as to allow~~ in a range of 5-50 mm such that a central zone of a skin-side surface of said cover sheet between said linear portions of said right and left primary elastic members ~~to be formed as~~ defines a linear raised portion by an action of a contractile force in said approximately linear portions and independent of any forces exerted by a wearer, and each of the primary elastic members further ~~has~~ having at least one divergent portion extending from the approximately linear portion towards at least one of the front and rear ends of the cover sheet and outwardly to define at least one divergent pattern ~~and to allow~~ a divergent zone of said skin-side surface of said cover sheet in said divergent pattern ~~to be formed as~~ defining a divergent raised portion by an action of a contractile force in said

divergent portions of said primary elastic members, said divergent raised portion being contiguous to said linear raised portion.

Claims 9-11 (canceled).

12. (currently amended) The disposable wearing article of claim 1, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises a front divergent portion extending from a front end of the linear portion substantially ~~to~~ towards the front end of the absorbent body.

13. (currently amended) The disposable wearing article of claim 1, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises a rear divergent portion extending from a rear end of the linear portion substantially ~~to~~ towards the rear end of the absorbent body.

14. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article of claim 1, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises front and rear divergent portions extending from opposite front and rear ends of the linear portion towards the respective front and rear ends of the absorbent body.

15. (currently amended) The disposable wearing article of claim 8, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises a front divergent portion extending from a front end of the linear portion substantially ~~to~~ towards the front end of the cover sheet.

16. (currently amended) The disposable wearing article of claim 8, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises a rear divergent portion extending from a rear end of the linear portion substantially ~~to~~ towards the rear end of the cover sheet.

17. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article of claim 8, wherein the at least one divergent portion comprises front and rear divergent portions extending from opposite front and rear ends of the linear portion towards the respective front and rear ends of the cover sheet.

18. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article of claim 1, wherein the at least one cover sheet comprises an outer cover sheet and a skin-side cover sheet, the right and left primary elastic members being attached in the stretched state between the outer cover sheet and the skin-side cover sheet with the outer cover sheet and the skin-side cover sheet being bonded to one another in a superimposed manner.

19. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article of claim 18, wherein all of the right and left primary elastic members are between the outer cover sheet and the skin-side cover sheet.

20. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article of claim 8, wherein the cover sheet has an outer surface opposite the skin-side surface, the right and left primary elastic members being bonded in their stretched state to the outer surface of said cover sheet so that substantially all of each of the right and left primary elastic members is attached to the outer surface of said cover sheet.

21. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article of claim 20, wherein the cover sheet is a skin-side cover sheet, and wherein the disposable wearing article further comprises an outer cover sheet superimposed on the outer surface of the skin-side cover sheet and bonded to the skin-side cover sheet so that essentially all of the right and left primary elastic members are between the skin-side cover sheet and the outer cover sheet.

22. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article of claim 8, wherein the divergent raised portion is formed by the action of the contractile force of the primary elastic members in said divergent portion independent of forces exerted by the wearer.

23. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article of claim 1, wherein the divergent raised portion is formed by the action of the contractile force of the primary elastic members in said divergent portion independent of forces exerted by the wearer.

24. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article of claim 1, wherein there are no elastic members bonded in a stretched state to the cover sheet at locations between the right and left primary elastic members.

Claim 25 (canceled).

26. (new) The disposable wearing article of claim 14, wherein the linear raised portion has a dimension along the front-to-rear direction that exceeds a length of either the front and rear divergent portions along the front-to-rear direction.

27. (new) The disposable wearing article of claim 26, wherein the divergent portion of the first primary elastic member extends to the first side of the absorbent body and the divergent portion of the second primary elastic member extends to the second side of the absorbent body.

28. (new) The disposable wearing article of claim 26 further comprising a linear right secondary elastic member bonded in a stretched state to the cover sheet of the absorbent body at a location between the right primary elastic member and the right side of the absorbent body and a linear left secondary elastic member bonded in a stretched

state to the cover sheet of the absorbent body at a location between the left primary elastic member and the left side of the absorbent body, the right and left secondary elastic members extending parallel to the linear portions of said right and left primary elastic members, the secondary elastic members having opposite front and rear ends spaced from the front and rear divergent portions of the primary elastic members.